

Remarks

The instant Office Action dated January 10, 2008, notes the following objections and rejection: objections to the drawings and specification; an objection to claim 14; and claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over the Benveniste reference (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0264397).

Applicant submits that the objections to the drawings and the specification are moot in view of the amendments to the specification that are found on page 2 of this paper. Thus, Applicant requests that these objections be removed.

Regarding the objection to claim 14, Applicant has amended claim 14 to depend from claim 8, which contains sufficient antecedent basis for said processor. As such, Applicant requests that the objection to claim 14 be removed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the § 102(e) rejection of claims 1-21 cannot stand because the cited portions of the Benveniste reference do not correspond to the claimed invention which includes, for example, aspects directed to receiving requested servicing signals from respective client devices, including an unscheduled requested servicing signal received from one of the client devices. The cited portions of the Benveniste reference do not teach that access point 201 receives an unscheduled requested servicing signal from one of stations 202. *See, e.g.*, Figures 2 and 5; and Paragraphs 0049-0050. For example, the cited portions of the Benveniste reference do not mention that access point 201 can accommodate unscheduled requests for service from client devices as in the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the § 102(e) rejection of claims 1-21 be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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